UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DARRYL KNIGHTS,

Plaintiff,

Case No.

v.

EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, LLC,

Defendant.

DEFENDANT EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, LLC'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Equifax Information Services, LLC ("Equifax") files this Notice of Removal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a) and in support thereof would respectfully show the Court as follows:

A. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

- 1. On or about November 8, 2024, Plaintiff Darryl Knights ("Plaintiff") filed the Complaint in the Civil Court of the State of New York, County of Oueens, Index No. 027279/2024 ("State Court Action") alleging violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1681, et seq., against Equifax Inc.
- 2. Equifax was served with Plaintiff's Complaint on November 26, 2024. This Notice of Removal is being filed with the thirty (30) day time period required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

B. GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL

3. The present suit is an action over which the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York has original jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, as it is a civil action founded on a claim or right arising under the laws of the United States, and may be removed to this Court by Defendant pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b). Removal is proper because Plaintiff's claims present a federal question. In the Complaint, Plaintiff seeks damages for Defendant's alleged violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.

C. COMPLIANCE WITH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

- 4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a), venue of the removal action is proper in the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York because it is in the district and division embracing the place where the state court action is pending.
- 5. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), a copy of all executed process, pleadings asserting causes of action, and orders in the State Court Action served upon Defendant Equifax are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- Promptly after the filing of this Notice of Removal, Equifax shall give written 6. notice of the removal to the Plaintiff and will file a copy of this Notice of Removal with the Queens County Civil Court, New York as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).

WHEREFORE, Equifax request that the above-described action be removed to this Court. Respectfully submitted this 16^h day of December, 2024.

> /s/ Forrest M. "Teo" Seger III Forrest M. "Teo" Seger III

> CLARK HILL PLC 1180 6TH Ave., 19th Floor, Suite 1910 New York, NY 10036

2301 Broadway St. San Antonio, Texas 78215 Phone: (210) 250-6000 Fax: (210) 250-6100

Email: tseger@clarkhill.com

ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT **EOUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES LLC**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on December 16th, 2024, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been filed with the Clerk of the Court which will send a notification to all counsel of record via U.S. Mail:

Stuart Werbin. Law Offices of Stuart Werbin 1620 Avenue I, Suite 119 Brooklyn, NY 11230 Tel (646) 942-7464 Fax (347) 710-1015 werbinlaw@gmail.com Counsel for Plaintiff

> /s/ Forrest M. "Teo" Seger III Forrest M. "Teo" Seger III